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Richmond has long been a favourite for tying the knot

From a country house wedding to a beach in Barbados, I've been privy to some stunning weddings in beautiful locations, and it's fair to say that as the sun sets on the day, the memories are nearly always fond, with rain showers or sand in your hair a distant memory. Richmond has long been a favourite for tying the knot, and not just with locals, as its proximity to Heathrow, Gatwick and central London have welcomed couples from far and wide to celebrate their nuptials in stunning surroundings.

This month we spoke to local venues The Bingham, Richmond Hill Hotel and The Petersham about wedding planning and how to create a perfect day; getting an insight into those last minute changes and exactly how long a wedding really takes to plan!

As wedding season enters full throttle, so too does festival season, with hundreds of thousands of us donning wellies and Barbours to venture out and enjoy great music and fantastic food across Britain. In this issue we speak to the enigmatic Lisa Stansfield, who after nearly three decades in the business is no stranger to a main stage. This summer she'll be headlining at Hampton Court Palace Festival. She talks to The Richmond Resident about picnic baskets, pop music and fourteen year holidays…read our full interview on page 12.

Despite an unusually long winter, we really are determined to get out and about this month, so from weddings to festivals and homewares to biking trails, we've jam-packed some of the great outdoors into these pages, hopefully inspiring you to embrace the balmier months and enjoy some fresh air and seasonal sunshine. Turn to page 32 and discover the secret garden at The Berkeley Hotel, where we're daydreaming about spending our summer….

Janelle Butterfield
Editor

This month I have… been failing to get to the gym, polishing off leftover Easter eggs instead, so I have real admiration for any readers running the London Marathon on Sunday 21st April. Good luck, tweet us and let us know how you get on!

The heart and soul of Richmond

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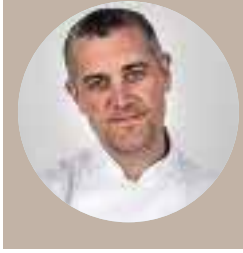

We speak to local Michelin-starred chef **Paul Merrett**, who tells us his favourite Richmond hang-outs, what he misses about local life when he's working away and what he can't make it through the day without!

Jane Powell, winner of the 2013 Homes and Gardens Kitchen Designer Award, studied in Scotland, but has found herself ensconsed in Richmond. life. We check out her award-winning style on page 39.

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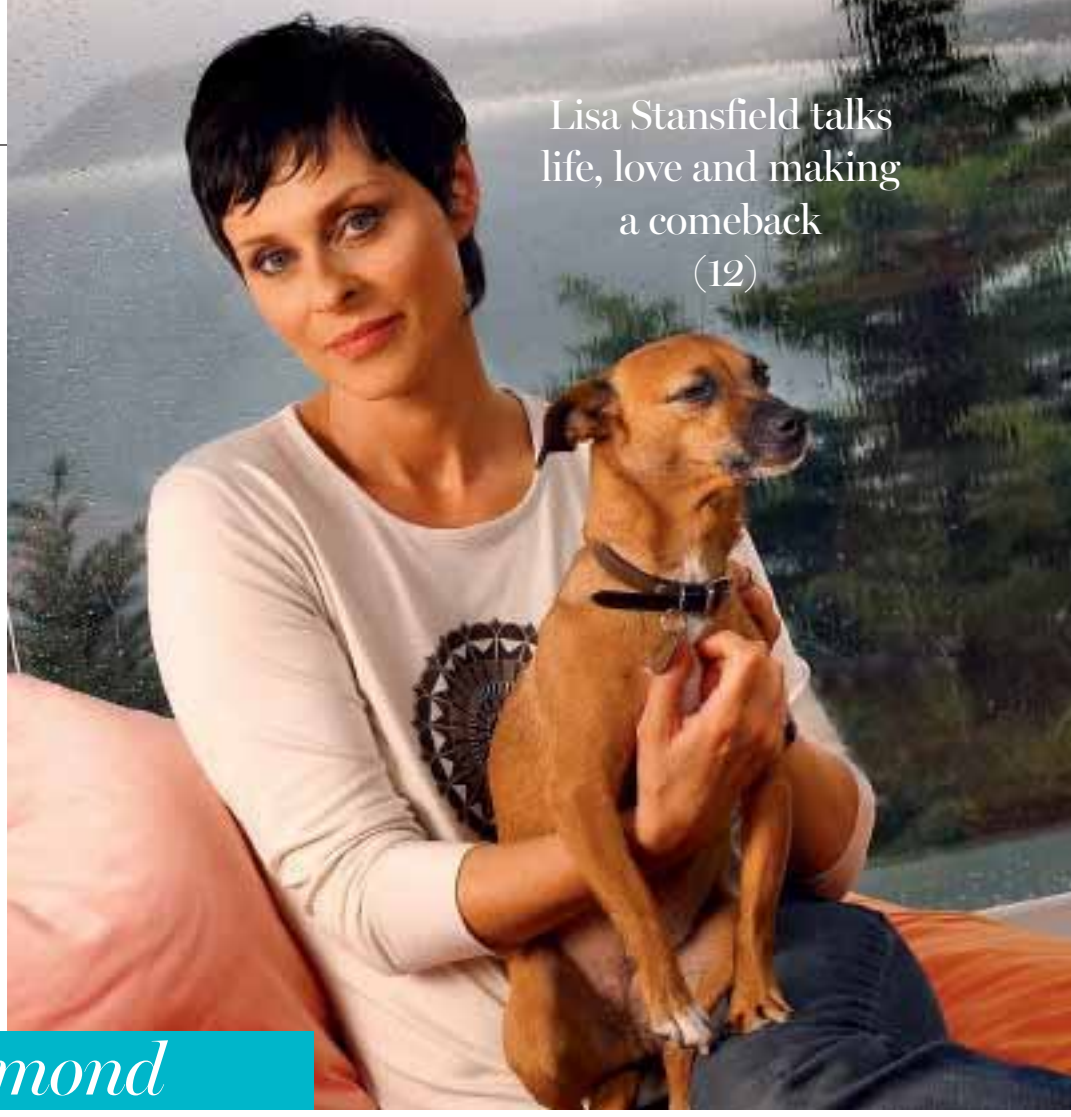

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Richmond voted best place to live

Richmond has been named as one of the top five places to live in London, along with Balham, Chiswick, Dulwich and Muswell Hill. Revealed in The Sunday Times Best Places to Live, the guide to Britain's best postcodes found Richmond high up the list after taking in a wide range of elements including transport links, quality of schools, natural beauty, low crime rate, property prices, cultural life and unemployment figures. Each area was also assessed on its own individual assets, whether it is a local festival, fascinating architecture or proximity to an airport. Sunday Times Associate Editor Eleanor Mills, who compiled the guide, says, 'Scampering around Britain for my column I find there are particular bits of our crowded island which always retain a particular attraction for people.'

EDITOR'S PICK OF THE MONTH

Best Richmond buys

LOCAL LUXE

We love these 60s style sunglasses. With a touch of Jackie O, they'll be the finishing touch to any summer outfit.

✤ £85, Gant, George St, Richmond, Surrey TW9 1HY; 020 8439 9390; gant.co.uk

With names like 'City', 'Middleton and 'Mahiki', it's no surprise these bags from Florian London are being snapped up. We love this Middleton bag in bottle green.

✤ £240, Florianlondon.co.uk

This floaty dress conjures up images of Audrey Hepburn. Chic, stylish and classic, you'll be wearing it for summers to come.

✤ £129, Reiss, 1 George Street, Richmond, TW9 1HE; 020 8940 3533; reiss.com

A place to lay your head

Hotel chain Travelodge are hoping to open five new hotels in the Borough. They've already set their sights on locations in Barnes, East Sheen, Hampton Court, Kew and Mortlake. With thousands of visitors flocking to the area, the hotel hopes to provide a wider choice of venue. Grant Hearn, of Travelodge Hotels, says: 'Our two existing hotels in Richmond perform strongly all year round. Whether it be business, leisure customers or families coming to visit loved ones, we are regularly achieving high occupancy.'

Raise some Dough

National Doughnut Week returns on 11th May, to raise dough for The Children's Trust. Head to thechildrenstrust.org.uk/doughnuts

Retirement group launches

The brainchild of 68 year old Richmond resident and Life Enhancing Coach, Sue Plumtree, The Richmond-upon-Thames Retirement Support Group, will have their first meeting this May. The group offers the opportunity to learn new tools and resources to empower locals to create a life after retirement that is rich and rewarding. Plus the opportunity to meet new like-minded people, have fun and listen to inspirational speakers.

✤ The monthly group will be launched on Thursday, 23rd May, from 6-8pm at Pret-A-Manger, 37 Lower George Street, Richmond, TW9 1HY. £5 payable at the door. For more information contact sue@sueplumtree.com

CELEB SPOT

Tea and Cakes

Model and DJ Leah Weller can often be spotted enjoying an afternoon tea with friends or a quiet lunch by the river in TW9. Speaking about her favourite haunts she says; 'I like drinking in quite low-key places such as Rock and Rose in Richmond.' We couldn't agree more!

Local cars for hire

Car rental service Zipcar have expanded their coverage of the Richmond area, now supplying 27 cars locally. Parked residentially, locals can access the vehicle details online, and pick them up for rental for as little as one hour or for a whole weekend. Cars are now available in Richmond Hill, Petersham Road and off Richmond Green, and simply need to be parked back in their original spot after use.

✤ For more information head to zipcar.co.uk

Richmond wants you!

Know Richmond like the back of your hand? This spring the Richmond Information point is re-opening, with the council looking for enthusiastic locals to help keep tourists informed. Last year the point saw 5,000 visitors per month, with volunteers helping assist with what to see and do, as well as where to go, locally. Counsellor Pamela Fleming, Cabinet Member for Community and Business said; 'We have many people here in Richmond who are proud of their borough and what it has to offer. We would love to hear from passionate and outgoing people who would like to volunteer their time and energy in providing their knowledge on Richmond.'

✤ Those interested should contact Angela Ivey on 020 8487 5047 or email a.ivey@richmond.gov.uk

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Lynne Parker

Across the pond: local architecture and history, places Boston not so far from TW9

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My month

✤ Finally sorted out the celebrations for our 25th Wedding Anniversary this month. Booked a bargain break to Marrakech and organised a lunch for friends and family at Ma Cuisine Bistrot in Kew.

✤ See two famous houses either side of the Thames via Hammerton's Ferry -a pedestrian and cycle service-which links the northern bank near Marble Hill House in Twickenham with the southern bank near Ham House in Ham. One of only four remaining river ferry routes in London not replaced by a bridge or tunnel.

I have just spent a week of the most unseasonal and freezing spring in New York and Boston, USA. I was the guest of the fifth annual Women in Comedy Festival in Boston and decided to combine my trip with business and catch up with family along the way. I arrived in both New York and Boston in blizzards and was extremely glad I'd packed my winter boots and 'duvet' coat so that I could sightsee and shop in warmth and comfort!

Extreme weather conditions aside, it was my first ever visit to Boston and I was impressed with the relaxed ease of the City and enjoyed staying in Cambridge, home to Ivy League university, Harvard. There are parallels with the English town of Cambridge (which I also visited last month when I took part in Cambridge WordFest) and as with the UK version, there is a real buzz about treading in the footsteps of the world's greatest scholars.

I love a bit of history and Boston's 'Freedom Trail' links 16 of the City's historically significant locations and events together with a 2.5 mile walk. The city played a central role in the history of America and from its colonisation and naming by English puritans in 1630 (after Boston in the North East of England) it rose to cultural, political, financial and educational prominence as the buzzing capital of New England.

Richmond also rose to prominence in the 17th century so it isn't surprising that I felt so at home in Boston. There is a similar architectural mix of gracious Georgian houses and hidden squares combining opulence and grandeur with contrasting artisan charm downtown.

Richmond, and its surrounding neighbourhoods of Isleworth, Sheen and Kew, have been the seat of Royalty dating back to the Doomsday Book and there is probably an historic reference under every paving slab or patch of green sward. It was the Tudors and, in particular, Queen Elizabeth I who distinguished the leafy town on the River Thames by spending much of her time at Richmond Palace and dying there in 1603.

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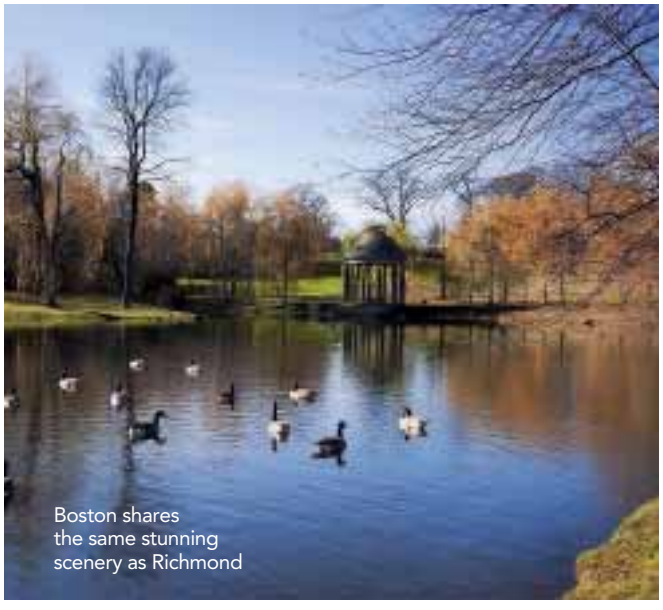
Built in 1501 in the royal manor of Sheen by Henry VII, the palace was named after his title, Earl of Richmond. The name caught on and Richmond is now the most duplicated UK place name with 57 occurrences worldwide! No wonder it's such a mecca for tourists.

Although the palace no longer stands, our very own 'royal trail' includes the royal parks and significantly regal properties such as Ham House, Marble Hill House and Hampton Court Palace, are all within easy reach of central London just eight miles away.

The 18th century Richmond Bridge and the arrival of the railway in 1846, created a gateway to the world.

Today, cycling and walking have replaced stag hunting in the Royal Parks and the flower and fauna are sought as easily accessible nature-fixes for city dwellers. I feel enormously privileged to live and work in such an historic place.



Boston shares the same stunning scenery as Richmond

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Northern Soul in Surrey

Soul sensation Lisa Stansfield tells Jay Baylis about her years in the wilderness, picnicking in Surrey and the return of her famous mole...

Open air concert at Hampton Court Palace

She has literally sung All Around The World but despite 20 millions album sales, Rochdale born Lisa Stansfield says the thought of performing at Hampton Court Palace next month is giving her the heebee-geebees.

'I've never played anywhere so posh,' she booms in her strong Rochdale accent. 'I mean, I have never performed anywhere where they have picnic baskets and stuff like that. It's going to be strange.

'But I tell you what: it's also going to be brilliant,' she grins. 'The setting is gorgeous and I want to get my own picnic basket on stage and have my own sandwich.

'I played the Tower of London a few years back and I tell you what, it was rubbish. They had a noise curfew so I couldn't blast out any music and everyone was sat listening in the moat. I wanted to have a massive party.

'So at Hampton Court that's what we're going to do. It'll be a bit of the new stuff and a lot of the old stuff, because that's what everyone wants to hear.'

Currently in the middle of recording her seventh album, Lisa ruled the airwaves in the late 80s and early 90s with hits such as All Woman, All Around The World and Change. When she flirted with a more pop sound for her sixth album The Moment, it failed to catch the public's imagination. 'Pop doesn't suit me,' she admits. 'I've realised, don't fight what you're good at.'

So she decamped to Ireland where she took stock of her historic rise and recharged. 'I had a bit of a burn out,' she reveals. 'I didn't want to get involved in the funny cycle of stuff that was going on in the media with all the reality shows, so I took time out and now I am picking up the pieces after a 14-year holiday in Ireland,' she laughs.

'I had a beautiful house in Dublin overlooking the sea, it was incredible with a beautiful piano where I used to write songs, but after a while I just thought I don't want to do this any more. I decided I don't like peace and quiet.

'I'd also been writing so much new stuff that it was starting to become something else and I had to go and make sense of the last ten years of stuff.'

The 'last ten years of stuff' she explains will be her seventh studio album: 'The album has no name yet but everyone keeps calling it Seven. So maybe it's a good name for an album. Maybe it's my lucky seven? It will be going back to what we did in the first place: Soul and RnB. It's what we are best at.'

'We' is Lisa and her husband of 15 years (and co-writer and record producer for 25) musician Ian Devaney, who she met at school. The couple started a group called Blue Zone in the 80s which in turn led to working with producers Matt Black and Jonathan More who,

> I wanted to have a massive party. So at Hampton Court that's what we're going to do. It's going to be brilliant!

Break out

✤ The Hampton Court Festival 2013

Performers from all around the globe will be delivering nine nights of summer concerts in the beautiful Base Court of the Palace, including Cliff Richard, Jools Holland, Russell Watson, Imelda May and Bjorn Again.

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inspired by Lisa's voice released her debut album, *Affection* in 1989. Five more albums followed and the couple still write and perform together.

She says their secret of staying together is just being really good friends: 'We have a good laugh together and aren't fussed what each other are up to. To me the most important thing is not to pick holes in your partner, because he is your partner and if you're going to pick holes why did you choose him?'

Lisa and Ian have now moved back to London but her openness and straight talking does throw her new neighbours. 'I have to go to Chelsea where my doctor is and I really don't fit in. I just go into cafes and bars and everyone thinks I am a freak because I am an honest person and I just say it as it is and they get freaked out by it,' she cackles. 'I much prefer Richmond. I've been to Richmond many times and it is a very beautiful place.'

After her UK gigs in June, Lisa's hoping her new album will be released this summer around the same time as her latest project: a film with Steve Coogan's company called *Northern Soul*. Directed by Elaine Constantine, it's the uplifting tale of two friends in the 70s whose worlds are changed forever when they discover the black American soul scene in the north of England. For Lisa, who plays one of the boy's mums, she says the script was a dream come true as she grew up with the Northern Soul scene.

'My first kiss was to a Northern Soul song, *Needle In A Haystack* by The Velvelettes, when I was 11. It was with this boy called James. It was vile. I sat on his knee, he kissed me and I ran away.

'When Elaine showed me the script she asked what do you think it's going to be like? I said: "Northern Soul English Saturday Night Fever!'

It's clear when Lisa comes to Hampton Court she will be bringing loads of her northern charm with her. But there's something else that will be making a comeback; her infamous mole.

'Honest to God, that mole, like me, disappeared for ten years and now I'm coming back it's reappeared,' she says. 'The more pencil I used to put on it, the more it disappeared when I took my make up off. But now I've started to accentuate it again its come back.

'It's crazy my fucking mole's back. I'm back, but no one's interested in me. It's all about my mole,' she breaks out with another chorus of infectious cackling…it's going to be a fun night.

✤ Lisa Stansfield plays Hampton Court Palace Festival on Friday June 14th. toncourtpalacefestival.com

The stunning grounds will play host to Lisa's soulful sound

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Monochrome must-haves

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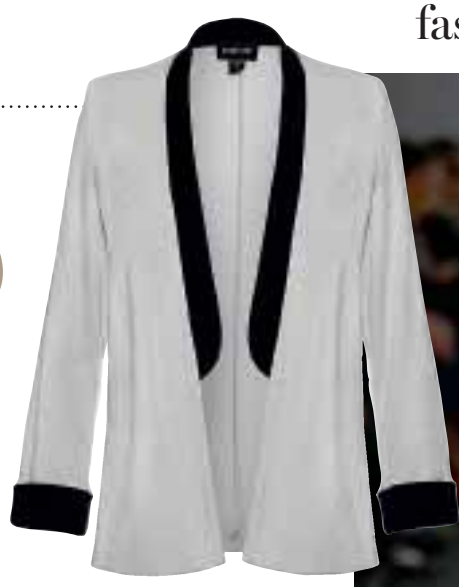

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✤ 020 7723 1973; ronenchenstoreuk.com

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MALE ORDER

Belt up

Lend summer trousers a splash of colour with French Connection's Woven Linnaeus Belt, £40, a globetrotter style that works perfectly with cut-off shorts and a simple T-shirt.

✤ 59 George Street, TW9 1HP; 020 8332 9707; frenchconnection.com

The Richmond resident *LOVES*

IF YOU BUY ONE THING THIS **MONTH**

Make it Reiss' Loulou Cadmium Red Ruffle Detail Dress, £225, with its delicate ribbon appliqué and floaty double-layer skirt.

✤ 71 George Street, TW9 1HE; 020 8940 3533; reiss.com

LOCAL LUXE

There's something about Mary...

Mary Portas' partnership with House of Fraser is still thriving. We love the colour and contrast of her spring range, packed with contemporary shapes and punchy prints.

✤ 80 George Street, TW9 1HA; 0844 800 3755; houseoffraser.co.uk

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THREE'S A TREND

Pastel polish

Sweetshop shades are as big at the beauty counters as they are on the catwalk this season; pep up your nails with loveheart pinks, spearmint greens and parma violets. We love **Estee Lauder Pure Colour Nail Lacquer in Narcissist, £14.50**, (available at House of Fraser, 80 George Street, TW9 1HA; houseoffraser.co.uk), fast-drying, and hard-wearing in equal measure. The pale aquamarine offering from **Rococo Nail Apparel's Summer Collection, £12,** (available at Space NK 34 Hill Street, TW9 1TW; spacenk.com) glides on smoothly, while **LCN's Lilac Blossom, (available at bcdirect.com) £5.50**, is a gorgeous spring staples suited to all skin tones.

Emerald eyes

Verdant eyeshadows are everywhere this spring. Dabble in the rainforest shades of **NARS Mad Mad World Eyeshadow** Duo in Parakeet Green/Vivid Cyan, £25.

✤ 34 Hill Street, TW9 1TW; spacenk.com

Beauty NEWS

The Richmond resident LOVES

PERFECT PALETTE

Aerin's Limited Edition Spring Style Palette, £45, gives a fresh burst of delicate floral eye shadows, complete with soft blush and stunning packaging.

✤ Johnlewis.com

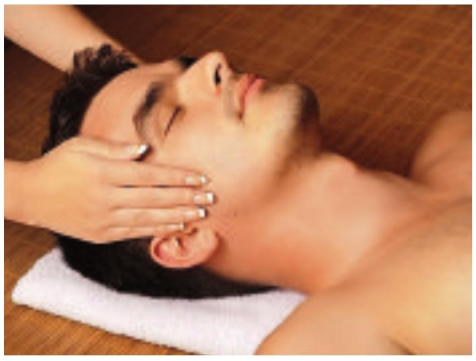
LOCAL LUXE

Urban Retreat

Thalgo's Indocéane Spa Ritual

Thalgo's blissful treatment combines far-flung ingredients with age-old beautification traditions. My skin is prepped with a Mediterranean scrub, before a divine 45 minute Ayurvedic-inspired massage using mineral-rich oils. Finally, a nourishing body wrap is applied. I'm left calm and revived, with baby smooth skin.

✤ 2 hours, £75. Urban Retreat, Harrods, SW1X 7XL; 020 7893 8333; urbanretreat.co.uk



MALE ORDER

Senshi Ecoluxe Beauty

For men who are unafraid of a little pampering, try Senshi Ecoluxe Beauty's range of male treatments. This is a one stop grooming shop, offering muscle release massages combining Swedish, Thai and deep tissue techniques, luxury facials, waxing and men's mani-pedis.

✤ 18a Hill Street, TW9 1TN; 020 8288 8878; senshi-beauty.com

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A Day To Remember

With stunning scenery, it's easy to see why so many couples flock to Richmond to say 'I do.' We spoke to the wedding venues making it a day to remember...

Samantha Trinder

Co-owner of
The Bingham

What are the most important elements of a wedding?
Food, photography, the music, the style, how the couple's guests are to be looked after and the dress are all important.

Should couples do plenty of research before deciding on a wedding theme?
Some couples have an idea and some have had a dream since childhood of the style of wedding. Planning a wedding can feel overwhelming, but focused research, visiting venues and meeting coordinators allows couples to find the right theme for them.

How long do you need to plan for your wedding?
The quickest wedding we've organised was in two weeks. On average though, most couples spend six to twelve months planning.

Spectacular interiors make The Bingham a top wedding choice

A bride prepares for her big day at The Bingham

How can you avoid a wash-out on the day?
One Bingham wedding was literally a 'wash-out' with torrential rain throughout the day. Sadly, in the UK, we can't really plan an outdoor event without a wet weather contingency plan.

To avoid a metaphorical wash-out,you should always have realistic expectations. Get help from those around you to reduce the stress in the build up to the wedding. Then everything should run smoothly on your big day, whatever the British weather has to offer!

How can couples personalise their big day?
Through the style and theme of the wedding; going for a BBQ, formal sit down meal, a relaxed garden party or formal candlelit supper or choosing their favourite food-we have served everything from Asian fusion to fish and chips!

Can weddings ever go wrong?
In twelve years, I can honestly say we've never had any catastrophes. We've had behind the scenes issues, such as ovens breaking down, but thankfully the couple and guests weren't aware!

✤ The Bingham, 61 Petersham Road, Richmond, Surrey, TW10 6UT
0871 527 0614; thebingham.co.uk

Get help from those around you to reduce the stress in the build up to the day. Then everything should run smoothly

The Richmond resident LOVES

The Richmond Hill Hotel by night

Diane Tapner-Evans

General Manager at Richmond Hill Hotel

How do couples personalise their wedding day?
We have seen some creative ideas over the years, from origami birds hanging from pillars, to pretty fairy lights adorning walls. Think of things which are personal to you, whether its naming your tables after places you've been or giving favours such as flower seeds so people can plant them and always be reminded of your special day.

What aspect of the big day really sets a wedding apart from others?
A personalised theme can make a day really memorable. Thoughtful touches such as entertainment over pre-dinner drinks or during dinner create an exciting atmosphere.

What's popular this year?
We are seeing a trend for brides and grooms using a family member or friend as their MC, which gives a personal approach to the proceedings of the day.

Has 2013 seen a dip in weddings because of superstition?
Not at all! There was a lot of talk about it but so far we have seen a very successful year in terms of confirmed weddings.

144-150 Richmond Hill, Surrey, TW10 6RW; 0208 940 5424; richmondhill-hotel.co.uk

Details such as ribbons, lighting and flowers, create a magical setting

Terence Filipe-O'Neill

The Petersham Hotel's Events and Reservations Specialist

What makes for a real British wedding?
Friends, family and hopefully some of our lovely British sunshine.

Why is Richmond such a great location to get married?
Because it has all the feel of the country with the River Thames, the Royal Park, the Petersham Meadows and charming architecture but with great access to Central London. It is also on the right side for Heathrow and Gatwick airports so it is an easy escape for couples heading off on their honeymoon.

What makes a Petersham wedding stand apart?
Wedding ceremonies can be held in The River Room with its own private terrace that looks out across the Petersham meadow and River Thames; a view which inspired both JMW Turner and Sir Joshua Reynolds. Built in 1865, the privately-owned hotel has retained its traditional values and to this day offers something special.

Are weddings all about the planning?
Weddings are most of all about love but planning helps with the process. The Petersham Hotel has an attentive, experienced team of dedicated staff on hand to ensure that every wedding runs smoothly and without a hitch.

What are the three most important elements?
The bride, the groom and love. Everything else is materialistic.

Are there any hard and fast rules regarding weddings?
I recommend all brides and grooms do what they want to do, plan ahead and simply enjoy their special day.

✤ The Petersham Hotel, Nightingale Lane, Richmond, TW10 6UZ ; 020 8940 7471; petershamhotel.co.uk

Weddings are most of all, about love, says Terence

More Great Local Wedding Venues

✤ Ham House

Built in the 17th century, Ham House is a stunning National Trust property sitting on the bank of the river Thames. With grand architecture, vast grounds an even some rumoured resident ghosts, it really is a fantastic location for a wedding with added glamour.

✤ Ham Street, Richmond-upon-Thames, TW10 7RS; 020 8940 1950; nationaltrust.org.uk

✤ Kew Gardens

After a long winter, the gardens have finally sprung to life, and provide a colourful setting for saying vows in a romantic setting. Choose from Mansion House, the Glasshouse or a marquee in their extensive grounds for a wedding packed with floribunda.

✤ Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 3AB; 020 8332 5641; kew.org

✤ Pembroke Lodge

With spectacular views, large period windows providing an abundance of light and warmth and an outlook over the Thames Valley, the lodge is a fantastic place for a real British wedding in the heart of Richmond's stunning scenery.

✤ Pembroke Lodge, Richmond Park, Surrey, TW10 5HX; 020 8940 8207; pembroke-lodge.co.uk

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FOOD AND DRINK

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In my kitchen

Head chef Bruce Theobold, The Coach and Horses

You've just reopened, what's new?
We have maintained our bar area and added the library room, attracting drinkers and diners who prefer a more relaxed experience.

Any new dishes on the menu?
We've kept our classic dishes; fish & chips in ale batter and our famous pies but added dishes such as pigs head croquet, quail's scotch egg, homemade piccalilli, as well as Brixham crab. As for the mains, for the more adventurous diner there's poached beef cheeks or 'Stigandi boat' caught Atlantic cod.

What are your favourite dishes to prepare?
Any of the dishes using fresh fish, such as terrine of South Coast sardines or our tian of Brixham crab.

What's the best summer dessert?
Our lemon meringue pie, it's my Mum's recipe-it's fresh, light and perfect for summer.

✤ The Coach and Horses, 8 Kew Green, Surrey TW9 3BH; 020 8940 1208; coachhotelkew.co.uk

LOCAL LUXE

Gourmet NEWS

LOCAL DEAL
Mango and Silk are now accepting the Taste Card Monday to Thursday evenings, giving diners 50 per cent off when dining as a twosome.
✤ 199 Upper Richmond Rd, SW14 8QT; mangoandsilk.com

Green Vodka

Always chucking empty spirit bottles away? Element 29 is a new British vodka offering a refill packaging system, making it environmentally friendly. Coming in two flavours, original, and salted caramel, drink lovers can create infusions by combining the flavours, then replacing with regular refills.

✤ Available at gbdrinks.com

Hearty pub grub

The Kings' Head in Teddington have just launched their new Sunday roast menu. Serving up rack of pork or beef sirloin with all the trimmings or haddock, chips and pea puree all for £13.80, you can also add a starter or dessert from the set menu for just £2.45 and a glass of house wine for £2.50. Using the finest ingredients, the classic English pub also comes fully equipped with snug and walled patio; so you can dine whatever the British summer has to offer!

✤ 123 High Street, Teddington, TW11 8HG; 020 3166 2900; whitebrasserie.com

TOM'S CHOICE
Noodles

Done well, ramen is one of the world's great comfort food, a true slurp of succour,' says Tom. We head out into the borough to find the best in local noodles...

Dragon Inn

Well-known for its attentive staff, this Chinese restaurant has recently been refurbished to accommodate newcomers and those returning for more of its Cantonese and Szechuan dishes. All traditional favourites are available including egg noodles, vermicelli and ho-fun.

✤ 130 Sheen Road, TW9 1UR; 020 8332 1018

Maki

As well as serving up sushi, popular Japanese restaurant Maki offers a delicious choice of Udon, Soba or Ramen Noodles with a wide selection of seafood, meat and vegetables. The restaurant enjoys a loyal following and a lively atmosphere can be enjoyed whether you're visiting for lunch or dinner.

✤ 147 Kew Rd, TW9 2PN; 020 8605 3679

Miso Noodle Bar

For a cheap and quick noodle fix, look no futher than Miso Noodle Bar. The healthy noodle dishes, full of flavour and available at affordable prices ensure a lively atmosphere at this popular restaurant which now has branches across London – a testament to their own success.

✤ 11-13 Petersham Road, TW10 6UH; 020 8332 2778; misonoodlebar.co.uk

Compiled by: Emilly Pendleton

FAIR

May Fair returns

Head to Richmond Green this May for the 44th annual May Fair. With traditional May pole dancing, a helter-skelter, free entertainment, and the crowning of the Richmond May Queen, the Fair looks set to be a great day out for locals. Pick up some treats from one of the 100 charity stalls or the craft marquee and try some tasty food which will be available throughout the day. Enjoy music, singing and live performances from Richmond schools and choirs as well as the chance to get involved and win prizes.

✤ 10-6pm, May 11th. Parish Church of St Mary Magdalene and The Green, Richmond, Surrey, TW9

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Local LIFE

THEATRE

All female cast take on Shakespeare

Theatre lovers will enjoy this latest adaptation of Shakespeare's Henry V. The all-female cast of the Q2 players will be taking on the epic production and placing their own personal stamp on the age-old classic. Directed by Gerald Baker, the performance will see the traditionally male roles transformed, as the cast challenge viewers' perceptions of this fantastic story.

✤ 8pm, 25-27th April, (Saturday matinee, 2.30pm), St Luke's in the Avenue, The Avenue, Kew, TW9 2AJ. Tickets £8 on the door or email q2players@gmail.com

HISTORY

BACK IN TIME

With fantastic architecture and wonderful heritage, it's clear that Richmond is steeped in history, but how much do we really know about the former occupants of this little piece of London? This summer, the Museum of Richmond are exhibiting artifacts, photographs and memorials from past members of the community, demonstrating what local life was like for those living in the 1800s. Collected by the Richmond Society over a two year period, the display has been collated using information from the Richmond Cemetery and illustrates the lives of both working folk and local aristocrats, throughout the 19th century.

✤ Living and Dying in 19th Century Richmond, is on display from now until August 31st. Old Town Hall , Whittaker Ave, Richmond, TW9 1TP; 020 8332 1141; museumofrichmond.com

NATURE

UP WITH THE LARK

If you can stomach the early morning and be up at the crack of dawn, there's a real treat in store for Richmond residents. Rarely do we have the opportunity to hear the dawn chorus, but with this walk of Richmond Park, expert Peter Burrows-Smith will be allowing locals the chance to hear and see a natural world as it unfolds, ready to start the day ahead. Listen out for the morning larks and indulge in this journey into the animal kingdom.

✤ Meet at Sheen Gate at 5am sharp on 6th May. For more information contact Peter Burrows-Smith on 020 8392 9888 or email richmond@royalparks.gsi.gov.uk

BOOK NOW FOR JUNE

Global megastar Rihanna heads to Twickeham this June, as part of her Diamonds World Tour. Supported by DJ David Guetta, the award winning singer will be performing her chart topping hits including Diamonds and Stay. Head to Rihannanow.com for tickets.

✤ Twickenham Stadium, 200 Whitton Road, Twickenham, Middlesex, TW2 7BA

This month, the Orange Tree theatre embark on a comedy caper with plenty of laughs. Fran and husband Terry have hit a wall, as their seven year marriage reaches crisis point, trapped in stale-mate, the pair venture on a journey of rediscovery with friends, therapists and even some birds becoming embroiled in this farcical romp.

✤ 22nd May – 22nd June. Orange Tree Theatre, 1 Clarence Street, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 2SA; 020 8940 3633; orangetreetheatre.co.uk

If you're looking for a chance to put on those dancing shoes, the Musical Museum will be holding one of their much-loved tea dances on June 1st. With ballroom, latin and sequence dancing, head along and practise those steps with fellow music lovers.

✤ 3pm, June 1st. The Musical Museum, 399 High Street, Brentford, Middlesex TW8 0DU; 020 8560 8108; musicalmuseum.co.uk

GET OUTSIDE

3 of the best... for getting into spring

1 On May bank holiday weekend, kids can go free to Syon House. On Sunday 5th May and Monday 6th, the park will be welcoming youngsters with free admission to both the house and the surrounding greenery.

✤ Syon House, Syon Park, Brentford , Middlesex, TW8 8JF; 020 8569 7497; syonpark.co.uk

2 From May 11th, Kew Gardens will be revealing their latest exhibition, Rory McEwan; The Colours of Reality. Following on from the popular exhibit from David Nash and taking place in the Shirley Sherwood Gallery of Botanical Art, this latest display will detail the botanical work of Rory McEwen spanning 30 years and also feature a secondary exhibition of art work inspired by him. On 21 May 2013 and 17 July 2013 expert Dr Sherwood will be giving two guided tours around the Rory McEwen exhibitions. If you are interested in booking a place on the tour you can find out more at kew.org

✤ 292 Sandycombe Roasd, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 3NG; 020 8940 2220

3 Head to Ham House for a behind the scenes tour of life as a servant back when this was a working house. Every Tuesday throughout summer, visitors of the National Trust home can discover what life would have been like for those living downstairs in the property, and find out how it's used today.

✤ Ham House, Ham Street, Richmond-upon-Thames, TW10 7RS; 020 8940 1950, hamhouse@nationaltrust.org.uk

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When did the Richmond May Fair get started?
In 1970 by Sylvia Oates. That first year it was just a few stalls round the church door as a community event and now it has expanded to 100 charity stalls and a full day of free entertainment.

What's the highlight?
The crowning of the May Queen and the Maypole dancing. The real highlight is seeing families having a great time.

What else does the Richmond May Fair Committee do?
The May Fair is the biggest charity fundraiser for the borough. We even have a ball on the Friday.

✤ The 44th Richmond May Fair is on Saturday 11 May, from 10am-6pm on The Green Richmond. Ball Tickets from the Orange Tree Theatre on 020 8940 0141

My First Ballet

Step into your glass slippers and bring little ones to see My First Cinderella. English National Ballet is returning to Richmond Theatre with their My First series to give budding Darcy Bussells their first taste of ballet through the magic of fairytales. Performed by graduate dancers from the ENB School. The theatre is also holding a Dance Into The Fairytale Workshop on Sunday 26 May from 1-2pm for children aged 3-6 years. Tickets £20 for one child and one adult.

✤ May 25 and 26. atgtickets.com/richmond; 0844 871 7651

Get Baking!

Baking with children is a great way to encourage creativity, learn about cooking and keep little hands occupied on a rainy Sunday afternoon. The Create & Bake Kit from The Kids Cooking Company have everything you need to get started on that scrummy sponge or colourful cupcake, from chef's hat and spoon to cookie cutters and decorations.

✤ Head to thekidscookingcompany.co.uk

EDITOR'S CHOICE THREE FOR CYCLING

The Tamsin Trail
is a 12km cycle path around the inside perimeter of Richmond Park and a fun day out for all the family. Stop at King Henry's Mound or take a short detour to the top of Sawyer's Hill for a fantastic view of the capital.

✤ richmondparklondon.co.uk/walks/tamsintrail

Park Cycle
Park cycle operate cycle hire in Richmond Park at the Roehampton Gate car park offering children's bikes as well as tag-alongs and trailers for smaller kids. If you have teenagers, how about a tandem?

✤ Visit parkcycle.co.uk or call 0705 020 9249

The National Trust
have devised a 6.5 mile route along the River, past Marble Hill House, Richmond Park and the historic avenues of Ham. Starting at Richmond station where you can hire bikes from Richmond Station Cycle Centre.

✤ Find the route at visitrichmond co.uk/ham-house-cycling

Read all about it

Get your kids reading this half term with the winners of the Waterstones Children's Book Prize. Choose from Lunchtime by Rebecca Cobb for under fives, Wonder by R.J Palacio for childrens' fiction and the jaw-droppingly good Ketchup Clouds by Annabel Pitcher for teens.

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Class of the month

Gyrotonic at Pilates Plus

Dancers have been doing it for years, Madonna is a fan and word of mouth in Twickenham is spreading as more and more people turn to the one-on-one benefits of Gyrotonic. Inspired by Yoga, Tai Chi and swimming, the classes are taught using the Gyrotonic Tower's weights and pulleys for resistance and the instructor's hands on support for guidance.

Director of Pilates Plus in Crown Road, Sarah Duley has been teaching the system for ten years and opened her first dedicated Gyrotonic Studio last year. She says: 'A class can be highly aerobic and intense or remedial for shoulder and neck injuries. There's also a holistic benefit in invigorating the body to move with fluidity, relaxation and power.' Pilates Plus is offering The Richmond Resident readers an exclusive £10 discount off any Gyrotonic class booked before the end of May.

✤ Pilates Plus, 4 Crown Road, TW1 3EE; 020-8892 3403; pilates-plus.co.uk

Will To Win tennis comes to Richmond

If you want club tennis without the tennis club fees, then now might be a good time to take up tennis in Richmond. The council has just announced that Will To Win will be running a total of 48 courts in the borough providing hitting partners, coaching, kids camps, family fun days, drop-in sessions and cardio classes.

✤ For more information go to willtowin.co.uk

Health & fitness NEWS

Rosie all over

Don't be without this perfect one-stop pot for your handbag this summer. This new Rose Balm from The Organic Pharmacy in Richmond provides care for skin, hair, nails and lips wherever and whenever you need it. Packed with antioxidants and nutrition from seven plants oils including pomegranate, rose hip and candula it will keep you looking fabulous.

✤ £25 from 3 George Street, London, TW9 1JY; 020 8948 7049

Bike it

Anyone fancy a 136-mile bike ride? Richmond charity MeToo&Co is organising a coast-to-coast challenge. Each participant needs to raise £1,000 to join and take in the scenery along the West to East route through the Lake District National Park.

✤ Contact Claire@metooandco.org.uk

3 Marvellous Mushrooms

Shiitake: one of the highest antioxidant foods, these mushrooms give a nutty flavour and are great in sauces or stir-fries. Add to noodles with chilli.

Portobello: Large Portobello mushrooms have more flavour than young buttons. Wipe clean, don't peel then grill, fry or oven-bake with cranberry and pistachio stuffing.

Chestnut: A natural source of Vitamin B and folic acid, they tend to have a stronger taste. Great in a saffron-flavoured risotto and topped with parmesan shavings.

ASK THE EXPERT

Pilates instructor Sarah Duley gives her five top tips for improving your posture:

1 While standing, lift all five toes from the floor feeling the weight evenly distributed from toes to heel.

2 Think of a magnet drawing the top of the legs towards each other, connecting the inner thighs and encouraging lift of the pelvis.

3 Stretch arms and circle externally from the shoulder joint, sliding shoulder blades down the back of the rib cage reaching middle finger towards the floor whilst head draws upwards.

4 Elevate yourself upwards towards an imaginary magnet floating above your head, keep this sense of elevation as you walk, drawing your torso out of your hips and elongating the spine.

Weekend ESCAPE

A world of luxury awaits at The Berkeley hotel

While Claridges experiences something of a renaissance, what of its sister hotel? Now in its 116th year, we went along to see what this silent partner has to offer...

Checking in to this classic British establishment, it's clear that five-star luxury is their brand. From being offered a hot towel to cleanse with, to being shown personally to my room, the hotel thrives on small touches.

Known for its understated elegance, The Berkeley allows its attention to detail to maintain their award winning standards. There's little you won't find here, from body-sculpting pillows to hand-crafted biscuits. The entrance hall is festooned with apricot coloured tulips, keeping it bright and fragrant while I'm told I can expect sunlight on the balcony from 6pm; as though, it had been summoned on my behalf.

From its embryonic start as The Gloucester Coffee House in the 1700s to the present day, the hotel has enjoyed a rich history, seeing film stars and oligarchs enter its doors, before moving to its current Knightsbridge location in 1972, where it was one of the first hotels to employ air conditioning. Always developing their legacy, I'm told that the television takes up to thirty seconds to turn on; far from a design fault, this is just one in a long line of the hotel's commitment to the environment. From a discreet glass block that tells staff if sheets don't need washing, to being one of just two hotels in London that recycle all uneaten food, it's clear this isn't a fleeting attempt to conjure favour, but a long term commitment to their ethical standpoint.

Fresh, contemporary colours are teamed with sumptuous art work, while on stepping into the bathroom, the surround sound fills the space with classical music and the walk-in shower feels as though it could be beaten only by a waterfall. Trademark prêt-a-portea biscuits and fresh fruit awaits, not to mention a bottle of Laurent Perrier chilling.

The hotel plays host to some of the world's most influential VIP's, but it's unlikely you would know unless you were lucky enough to catch them in the Blue Bar, discretion is key, which may be why some guests check in on a semi-permanent basis.

The luxurious Blue Bar provides a perfect decadent escape from the hustle of London life

Contemporary art work and fresh flowers set the hotel apart

Romantically-lit, the ambience is fine dining combined with a relaxed informality

After a delightful afternoon spent sipping champagne on our balcony, adorned with its very own Berkeley bird box, we head down to Koffmann's restaurant to sample their French-style menu. The restaurant is the second in its grounds, following on from the Michelin starred Marcus Wareing.

Romantically-lit, the ambience is fine dining combined with a relaxed informality while attention to detail was second to none.

Starting with a crab and avocado salad and delicious scallops with squid ink, the menu is inventive without veering too far from traditional French faire. For our main course we indulged in roasted monkfish with pancetta and delectable iberico pork with belotti beans. Our upbeat sommelier recommended fantastic accompanying wines, joking that perhaps the tequila could wait until later! After a delicious cheese plate of brie and Roquefort, the real star of the evening joined us. The pistachio soufflé arrived in spectacular fashion. We watched on in wonder as our waiter gently popped the warm lid, before delicately placing a scoop of pistachio ice cream into the centre. A piéce de la rèsistance if ever there was one.

Following dinner, we decamped to the Blue Bar, a popular choice for cocktails amongst London's elite. The recently revamped menu reads like poetry, with each cocktail thought through with precision.

Opting for a 'Sex and the City'; 'fresh birds eye chilli smashed with passion fruit and charged with belvedere vodka, cointreau and orange bitters', it's clear they take the drinks as seriously as the food.

Like many hotels of its kind, there's a 'hidden door' feel to The Berkeley. The luxury spa on the seventh floor now plays host to a secret garden, lying behind walls, it boasts flora and fauna, as well as deck chairs for swimmers or spa visitors to recline in the (sporadic) sunshine.

Despite being a London local, on heading to the Caramel Room for breakfast the next morning, it feels as though we're miles away from the familiar streets of Knightsbridge. From home-made muesli to delectable salmon, it's hard not to indulge (once again) on breakfast fit for a King.

On check out it's fair to say we're blown away by the experience. The hotel offers style and class on a level that is truly exceptional, with everyone wanting to make a stay at The Berkeley truly spectacular. Make it a special date and just go.

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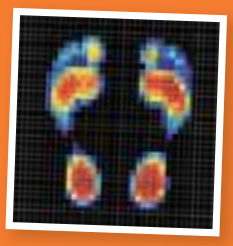

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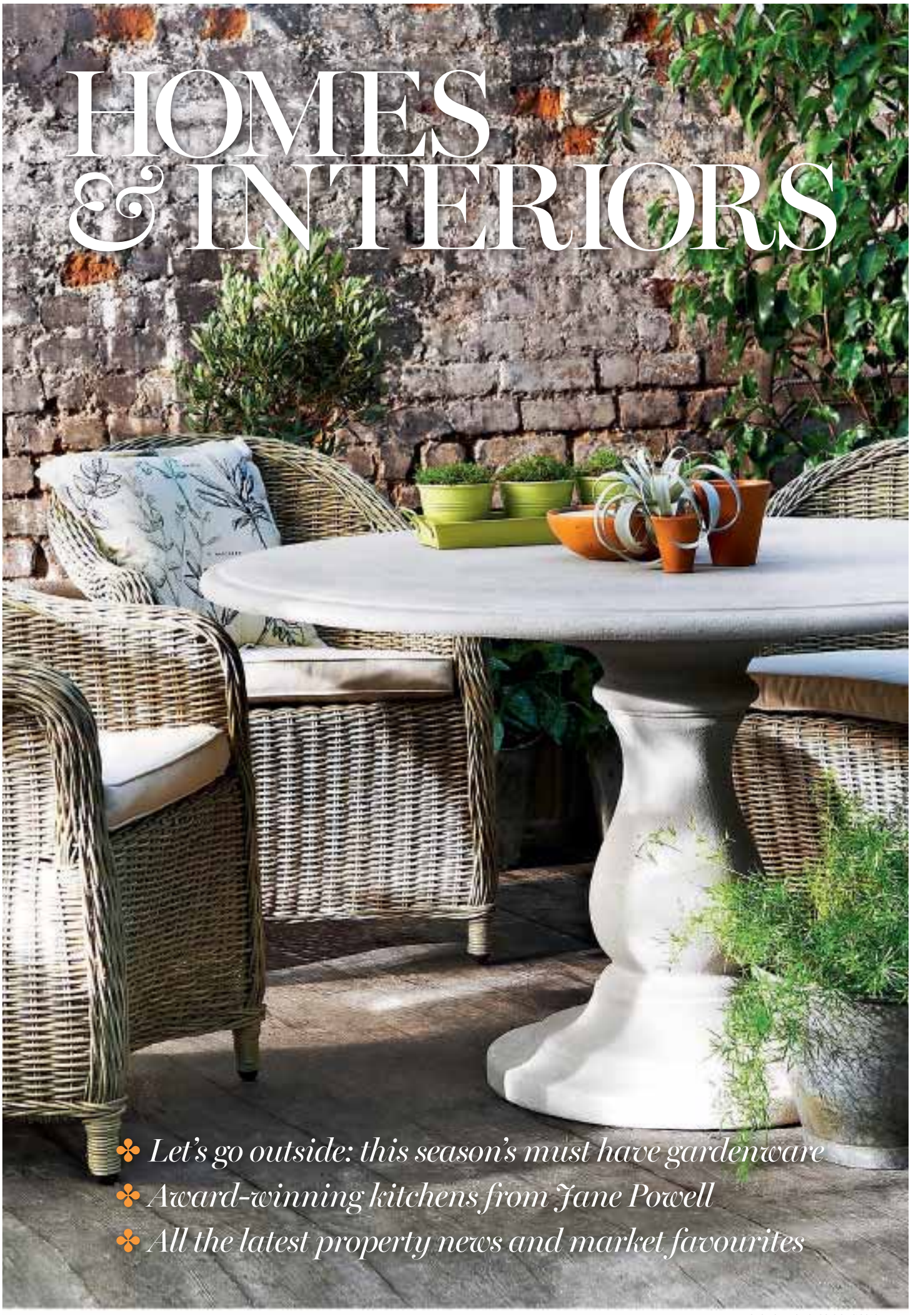

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What goes around

Jane Powell of Richmond based designers, Roundhouse, tells us why she's honoured to have her name alongside Terence Conran and James Dyson

Since joining Richmond Roundhouse three years ago, kitchen design expert Jane Powell has already made her mark, fighting off competition to win this year's Homes and Gardens Kitchen Designer award. Now she's putting Richmond on the map alongside Ben Hawkswell, with whom she runs the showroom.

'Roundhouse was founded by two architects in Camden 17 years ago,' says Jane. 'The Richmond showroom opened in 2003.' With an Interior Design degree from Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art and Design in Dundee and almost ten years experience in the industry, Jane has created some stunning and original kitchen designs during her career, and has used her appointment in Richmond as a chance to propel her career even further.

So how did she find herself in the practical world of kitchen design? 'While I was studying for my degree in Interior and Environmental Design, I worked part-time in a local showroom for a high-end German kitchen company, and realised I loved it,' she says. 'I realised that you can learn a lot quickly about design in the kitchen business, particularly because of the technical side. I have a passion for design and love to create stunning and original bespoke kitchens.'

> Richmond has a thriving community and lots of families looking to extend their homes

From muted tones and chrome finishing to bright colours and chintzy interiors, it's clear that there's no cookie cutter formula here, as she strives to give each kitchen a unique look that suits the owner. And despite a vast choice, TW9 was where Jane decided to focus her attention. 'Richmond has a thriving community and lots of families looking to extend their homes to create bigger kitchens and dining spaces.'

Keen to stay close to their roots, they use factories in the Malvern hills and produce from British craftsman while encouraging ethical practice through a tree planting scheme.

'Inspiration comes from anywhere and everywhere,' says Jane. 'I keep up to date with latest design ideas by looking at magazines and visiting restaurants and bars. Often the design in these places is experimental, and uses new materials which can be translated into open plan kitchens or diners.'

And what of her award? 'Taking Homes and Gardens 2013 Kitchen Designer Award was a huge honour. Previous winners have included designers such as Sir Jonathan Ive of Apple fame, Sir James Dyson and Sir Terence Conran. In my category I saw off two other worthy contenders for the title, which was a fantastic achievement!'

✤ Roundhouse, 380 Richmond Road, London, TW1 2DX; 020 8744 9993; roundhousedesign.com

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Edited by **Mary-Jane Wiltsher**

Kitchen
Vast patio doors give way to an abundance of light

Let there be light...

Since moving to Kew in 2000 Mr Cotes and family have embraced the area, transforming a previously dark house into a light and airy space

'The house was in reasonably good condition, having been refurbished ten years earlier,' says home owner Mr Cotes. 'It was, however a bit dark, mainly due to the fact that on the ground floor there were a number of wall divided rooms; typically a sitting room, dining room and a kitchen with an old-fashioned 'lean-to' at the back that had a door leading out to the garden. We wanted to open up the ground floor to bring light into the house and give it a fresh, open and contemporary feel with my own personal touches.

'I spent a lot of time looking at kitchen and interior magazines over the years,' he says, 'and I was clear that I wanted a kitchen with a complementary living space that reflected a svelte, minimalist look; basically, the 'less is more' approach.'

Since opening up the downstairs, the family have been able to embrace the brighter space. 'I love the light, and the feeling of being able to walk freely through the ground floor of my home. The kitchen is wonderful and I have been able to entertain so much more now. The carpentry in the sitting room allows us to display my books and artifacts, which is great and the pendant lights over the island unit look stunning when lit at night!

For those looking to renovate their own property, there's even some words of wisdom; 'My advice before you start, is to spend time focusing on the small details, it will pay off and you can enjoy the space without any regrets about design.'

And it looks like the family are here to stay; 'Kew is a fantastic place to live, almost like a undiscovered 'village-secret' in London. There are good schools for families and a real community feel to the area. We love the local tennis courts, strolling along the Thames-path, visiting Kew Gardens and the Kew Green pubs in the evening, all just a stone's throw from central London.'

✤ Holloways of Ludlow Bespoke Kitchen & Joinery, 36 Friar's Stile Road, Richmond, Surrey, TW10 6NQ; 020 8332 9442; hollowayskitchens.com

Living Room
Muted tones create a relaxed and decadent ambience

I love the light, and the feeling of being able to walk freely through the ground floor of my home; I have been able to entertain so much more now

Living Room
Simple creams teamed with dark wood give a luxury finish

Dining Area
Open spaces and plenty of light give the home a centre point

LUXE LIVING

Touches of metallic, white and bolts of colour keep the house both modern and sleek

Ideas to steal

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✤ On the market at £1,395,000 with Featherstone Leigh, 020 8744 0595; featherstoneleigh.co.uk

MOVERS AND SHAKERS

C'est la vie

B*Witched singer Lindsay Armaou is back in the public eye after being reunited with old bandmates for ITV2 series *The Big Reunion*. Between rehearsals, she has been selling her two bedroom apartment in Old Isleworth for £465,000 and seeking a home within striking distance of Richmond. Lindsay describes this pocket of South West London as 'a little oasis that offers river views, privacy and a sense of living in the countryside. I would love a house with a garden and want to stay within two miles of Richmond.'

OUTDOOR LIVING

A recent YouGov survey revealed that homebuyers ranked outside space as the single most important attribute of a new home

The Vineyard offers an array of properties, from Victorian houses to earlier Georgian buildings

Street of the month

✤ Typical price:
Prices vary from around £500,000 for a flat to approximately £20m for the very best houses.

✤ Surrounding properties:
Flats in period conversions and large, handsome houses.

THE VINEYARD

The Vineyard runs between Richmond Hill and Church Road, providing predominantly Victorian houses with some earlier Georgian and Queen Anne buildings. The location is convenient, just away from the main shopping facilities and thoroughfares of Richmond town centre. Properties here range from flats in period conversions to exceptional, large houses, such as Clarence House which is currently on the market with Savills. Clarence House is one of the finest houses in South West London and is an elegant example of William and Mary architecture. Properties on the road generate a lot of interest, such as a four-bedroom unmodernised house on the corner with Mount Ararat Road which attracted 36 potential buyers within an hour and generated 11 sealed bids, selling in excess of the £1.2m guide price. Generally, buyers are families and couples who look to make the most of the excellent local schools and the fast commute into the city from Richmond.

✤ By Natasha Dickenson, Sales Negotiator at Savills Richmond, 40-42 Hill Rise, TW10 6UA; 020 8614 9100; savills.co.uk

Properties to buy in your neighbourhood

LOCAL LUXE

Beautiful Petersham home

A stunning five bedroom property in the heart of Petersham, situated on Dickens Close, enjoying a secluded south-facing garden, swimming pool and parking.

✤ Knight Frank, 5 Duke Street, TW9 1HP; 020 8939 2800; knightfrank.co.uk

Detached family house

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Victorian period house

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✤ Featherstone Leigh, 34-38 Hill Rise, TW10 6UA; 020 8940 1575; featherstoneleigh.co.uk

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Richmond Hill £3,750 PCM

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West Park Road, Kew £2,000,000

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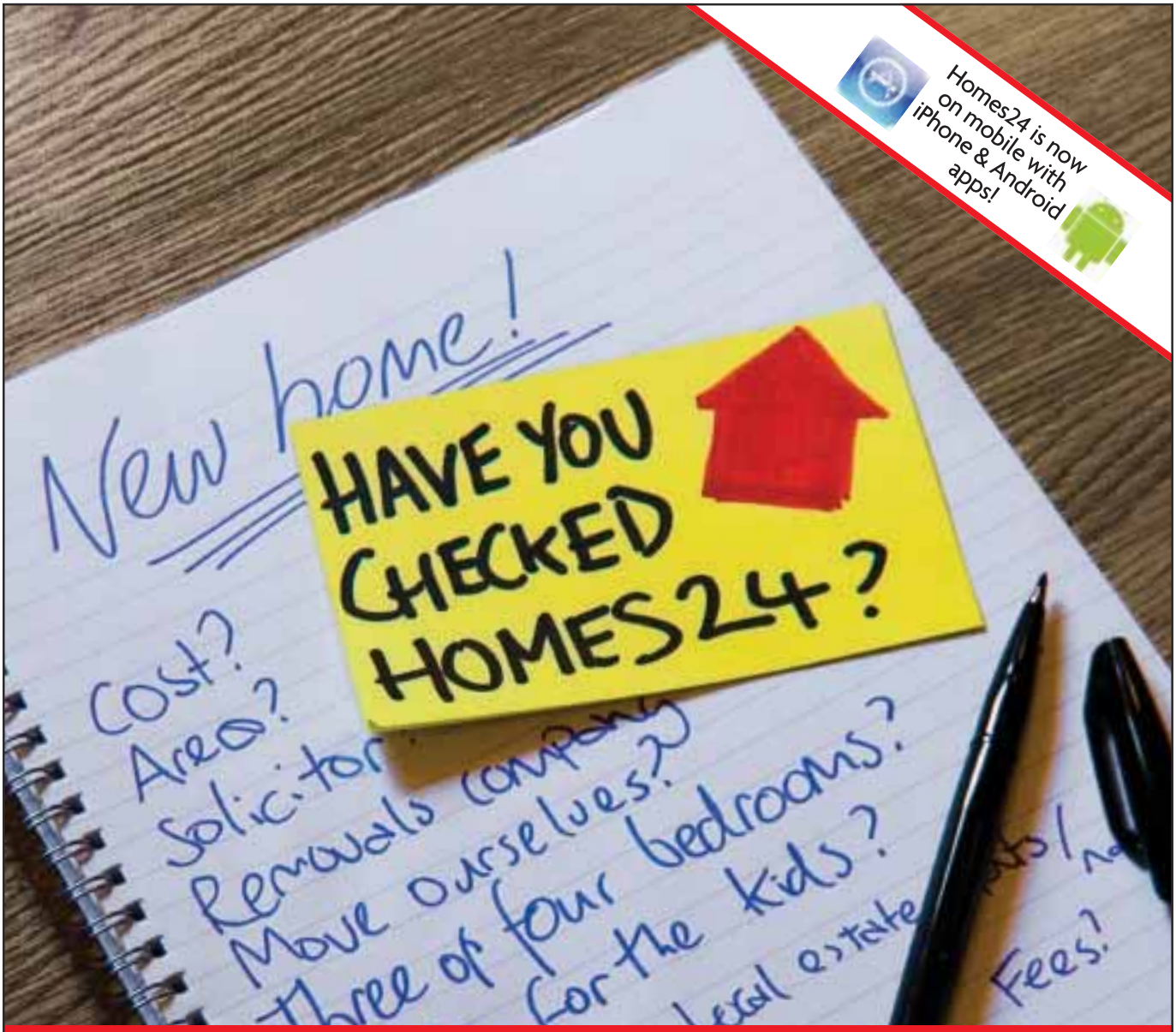

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Salisbury Road, Richmond £825,000

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MY AREA: Natasha Dickenson

Natasha Dickenson is no stranger to the charms of Richmond. A Sales Negotiator at Savills' TW10 branch, she has worked in the area for two years, watching 'its profile increase, attracting a greater appetite from buyers coming from central London along with international money at the high end, plus a steady flow of celebrities scouting the area.'

Natasha paints a picture of a thoroughly healthy local market. 'There is very strong demand for fresh property,' she says. 'We have had three sealed bids within the last couple of months, with properties in locations like Richmond Hill selling well in excess of guide prices. Nationally however, prices are due to remain static over 2013 with only a little growth expected in central parts of London.'

We have had three sealed bids within the last couple of months with properties selling well

Richmond Green and Richmond Hill remain incredibly desirable on account of their prime locations. 'On the Hill you have a stunning panoramic view to the sweep of the Thames and areas of the city beyond,' describes Natasha. 'While The Green is quintessentially English with large period properties close to the river as well as the town and station.'

The area sustains its widespread appeal on account of its ability to 'provide the best of both worlds. There is plenty of open space with the largest Royal Park in London, the Green and the Thames, as well as lots of shops. You have fast access into central London on the overground train or District Line and are well placed close to Heathrow and major transport links.'

Dickenson's insider information

✤ Top tip for buyers

A true lover of Richmond, Natasha recommends those leaving the area think twice. 'You really can't go wrong buying in Richmond and the surrounding areas,' she advises. 'If you're selling, do make sure you're moving to an equally appealing place!'

What I love...

Where's the best place for a sweet treat or a quick snack in Richmond?
The Richmond Hill Bakery. It's close to our office and I often head there to grab a quick, delicious lunch.

Do you have a favourite street and why?
Chislehurst Road because it has a good atmosphere, very pretty properties and is tucked away off the Hill.

Where would we find you spending your free time in Richmond?

Having a drink or meal at The Lass o' Richmond Hill, walking along the river or enjoying the amazing scenery in Richmond Park.

What can't you get through the day without?
A steaming hot cup of Earl Grey tea!

What is your biggest achievement?
Submitting a play to The Royal Court.

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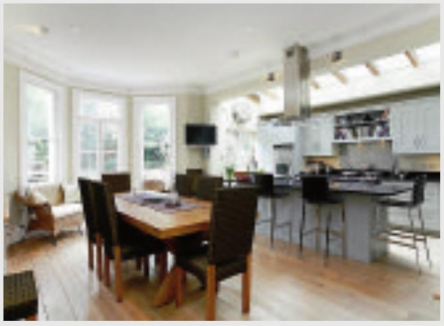

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OLD ISLEWORTH, TW7 £1,650,000 FREEHOLD

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RICHMOND, TW9 £509,950 FREEHOLD

Offering easy access to all that Richmond has to offer this Victorian two bedroom, two reception room and two bathroom cottage is well located for those wishing to enjoy the local restaurants, parks and theatres. Circa 696 sq ft (64.7 sq m)

RICHMOND, TW9 £495,000 FREEHOLD

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MAZE ROAD TW9

I challenge anybody to find a better location than Kew Green to live and bring up a family. Victorian and Georgian properties abound and what can be better than walking across the Green on a summer Sunday. This family house with four bedrooms, two bathrooms, two reception rooms and a study, is available to rent at £4,350 per month.

✤ Priory Management, 16 Kew Green Kew Richmond, TW9 3BH; 020 8940 4555; priorymanagement.com

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QUEENS ROAD TW10

Also on the favoured Richmond Hill is Queens Road, where we have another Dutch Gable style Victorian home for sale at £3.3m. With 6 bedrooms, three bathrooms, three reception rooms and a study, this property is packed with magnificent features including a seperate top floor which could make an ideal self contained nanny or au pair suite, as well as a vast 80ft sprawling garden and off street parking for up to five cars.

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The properties are Grade II listed houses occupied by a number of famous characters including none other than Lord Tennyson

Luke Ellwood,
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MONTPELIER ROW TW1

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My Richmond

(1)

Celebrity Chef Paul Merrett opened The Victoria with restauranteur Greg Bellamy, five years ago. With two Michelin stars behind him (2), it was quickly voted Best Gastro London Pub in 2011 and recently came 2nd as the best modern British Restaurant under £50 in the Hardens London Restaurant Guide 2013.

(2)

I have worked in Richmond since… 2008 when we took on the pub. I was born in Zanzibar, brought up in Godalming and now live in Ealing, my wife teaches in Strand-on-the-Green Junior in Kew so it's been our stomping ground for some time now.

I love Richmond because… it still feels like a town that hasn't had its heart sapped out by a shopping centre. I love the small narrow high street with shops alongside it.

My favourite place to dine out in Richmond is … A Cena on Richmond Road and Brula, a charming modern French restaurant in St Margarets.

My favourite bar in Richmond is … The Lofty Turtle on Upper Richmond Road. A lot of our staff use it for an after work swifty.

(3)

I often cycle to work and I will always stop and have a drink of that scene, it's iconic

You can't beat the coffee and cakes in Richmond at… The Victoria (3). We do a roaring trade with dog walkers and mums. We use Drury Coffee because of their ethical approach.

My favourite landmark in Richmond is… the view from Richmond Gate. I often cycle to work and always stop to have a look. It's iconic.

What I wouldn't change about Richmond is … the independents. I love kitchen shop Kooks Unlimited and William Curley; we have his chocolate on our menu.

What I would change about Richmond is… the high street. Pedestrianise it and bring a few brasseries in to create a real café culture.

The perfect family destination in Richmond is… a picnic in Richmond Park (1), if I can persuade my teenage rural-hating children.

You wouldn't know it, but I can't get through the day without… a cigarette and a Vitamin C tablet.

My Richmond secret is… Chris Williams, our local gardener.

✤ The Victoria, 10 West Temple Sheen, SW14 7RT; 020 8876 4238; thevictoria.net

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